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SUBJ: RELOCATION OF VOA FACILITIES ON OKINAWA

1. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR GENERAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU YAMAZAKI ASKED DCM TO CALL ON JANUARY 10 TO DISCUSS RELOCATION OF VOA FACILITIES ON OKINAWA. REFERRING TO RECENT DISCUSSION WHICH JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD HAD WITH USIS, YAMAZAKI STATED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED IMPRESSION THERE IS CONTINUING DELAY ON REACHING DECISION CONCERNING RELOCATION OF THESE FACILITIES. HE STATED THAT HE WISHED TO REMIND US OF GOJ'S CONCERN FOR THIS PROBLEM AND ITS DESIRES TO KNOW SOONEST USG PLANS FOR RELOCATION. HE ASKED IN PARTICULAR WHETHER APPROPRIATION FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD BE REQUESTED IN FY-76 BUDGET MESSAGE.

2. DCM REPLIED THAT ON THE BASIS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH USIS OFFICIALS WASHINGTON, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT DEFINITE PROGRESS BEING MADE TOWARD DECISION ON RELOCATION AND THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE BEEN REASONABLY ENCOURAGING. DCM RECALLED THAT DURING MAY 1974 NEGOTIATIONS, U.S. SIDE
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HAD TAKEN NOTE OF GOJ DESIRE TO BE INFORMED BY MAY 1975

OF U.S. RELOCATION PLANS AND SAID THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO MEET THAT DESIRE. SINCE YAMAZAKI HAD REFERRED TO LOKELIHOOD THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE QUESTIONED ON THIS SUBJECT AFTER REGULAR SESSION OF DIET RESUMES ON JANUARY 24, DCM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS USG IN A POSITION TO INFORM GOJ OFFICIALLY OF ITS PLANS, GOJ WOULD MEET SUCH QUESTIONS BY STATING IT EXPECTING TO BE INFORMED ON U.S. PLANS SOMETIME PRIOR TO MAY 1975. YAMAZAKI SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A TENABLE POSITION, ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED CONTINUING INTEREST OF OPPOSITION PARTIES AND PRESS IN THIS QUESTION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO ADVISE GOJ SOONEST ON SUCH DETAILS OF OUR RELOCATION PLANNING AS MIGHT BE USEFUL TO FOREIGN OFFICE IN DEALING WITH OPPOSITION PRESSURE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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